



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 10, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration Division, Airport Department

SUBJECT: Acceptance Of Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant Offers For Santa Barbara Airport

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept and authorize the Airport Director to execute, on behalf of the City, FAA Grant Offer of \$5,452,000 in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds for Project No. AIP-3-06-0235-37 for the final mitigation project for the runway safety area project; and
- B. Accept and authorize the Airport Director to execute, on behalf of the City, FAA Grant Offer of \$7,603,000 in AIP funds for Project No. AIP-3-06-0235-38 for Taxiway B south widening and realignment, and Airline Terminal ramp reconstruction.

DISCUSSION:

The FAA, under authorization from the United States Congress, distributes AIP funds each year. Half of each year's authorized level of AIP funding is distributed to all eligible commercial service airports through an entitlement program that guarantees a minimum level of federal assistance each year based on prior year passenger enplanement levels. The remaining AIP funds are distributed on a discretionary basis. ➔

However, Congress has failed to pass new legislation, and the FAA is operating under a Continuing Resolution through June 30, 2008. The funding amounts of entitlement and discretionary grants will be 75% of the approved amounts.

Airport staff has been verbally notified by FAA that the two Airport Improvement Grant applications have been approved and funds will be available prior to June 30, 2008. In order to meet the FAA's deadline for acceptance of the grant award, staff is requesting early authorization, based upon the verbal notification, for the Airport Director to execute the grant agreements when the actual documents with the specific fund amounts arrive.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Upon receipt of the actual grant agreements, staff will return to Council to appropriate the grant revenue, as well as the City's 5% matching requirement that will be funded from available Airport Fund reserves.

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